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THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN: ஆற்றோரங்களிலே ரோடுபோடுவது நல்லதல்ல என்பது அரசாங்கத்தின் எண்ணம். எந்தெந்த இடத்தில் ரோட்டுகள் தேவையோ அந்தந்த இடத்தில் ரோடுகள் போட்டு கிராம மக்களுக்கு உதவி செய்து வருகிறார்கள். இந்த ரோட்டை ஹைவேஸ் டிபார்ட்மெண்ட், எடுத்துக்கொண்டு கவனிக்கும்.

Sri Ranganathar Deity of Srirangam (Thenkalai Namam)

* 1049 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any petition from the devotees of Sri Ranganatha temple of Srirangam objecting to the putting of Thenkalai Namam on the forehead of the deity therein;

(*b*) if so, the details of their objection; and

(*c*) the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM: Sir, what exactly is the difference between this Vadakalai and Thenkalai namams? What is the sanctity attached to these types of namams and on what basis the present system is obtaining in the temples?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: The hon. Member must have known the difference between Vadakalai and Thenkalai as that between 'u' and 'y'. So far as I see there is no sanctity about the difference in namams. People may have belief in namams but this kind of difference is meaningless.

Bus-stands in City (construction)

* 1050 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state the present stage of the construction of bus-stands in the Madras City?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: There are already three bus-stands at the Parry's Corner, T. Nagar and near the Casino. It is proposed to construct three more bus-stands one each at Mandavalli, Vadapalani and Mint and necessary sites when required for the purpose are being acquired. The construction of the bus stands will be taken up as soon as the sites are acquired.

SRI A. A. RASHEED: Sir, is the Hon. the Minister aware of the fact that the travelling public are put to lot of inconvenience especially in the sun and rain for want of shelters? If so, will the Government expedite the construction of these stands as early as possible?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: Bus-stand is different from bus shelter. So far as shelters are concerned, they are put up in co-operation with the Corporation.